

DECLARATION

Of the People of ENGLAND for a

FREE-PARLIAMENT.

Whereas by a wonderfull Revolution of the Divine Providence, those Members of the long Parliament which were strangely brought in by the Army (May the 7th. 1659.) and as strangely outed by them (October the 13th. 1659.) are now strangely returned to sit in the House, as before, we judge it our Concernment to call to mind the ACT by them made and published, immediately before their forcible Interruption, intituled, *An Act against raising of Money upon the People without their consent in Parliament*: which Act of theirs proceeds in these words; *And be it further enacted, that no Person or Persons shall after the 11. of October 1659. Assess, Levy, Collect, Gather or Receive, any Custome, Imposts, Excise, Assessment, Contribution, Tax, Tallage, or any sum or sums of Money, or other Impositions whatsoever, upon the People of this Common-wealth, without THEIR CONSENT in Parliament, or as by Law might have been done before the 3d. of November, 1640. And be it further enacted and declared, that every person offending against this Act shall be, and is hereby adjudged to be guilty of HIGH TREASON, and shall forfeit and suffer as in case of High Treason.* Hereupon we judg'd it meet and equitable to make this following DECLARATION.

We do therefore declare that we do freely, cordially and unanimously assent to the Equity of this Act, as consonant to the Fundamental Laws of our Nation, the benefit whereof we doubt not: but we may justly claim, as our Birth-priviledg in all such cases & concernments.

And accordingly we do hereby declare that we are ready and willing, as soon as an opportunity is given us, to make choice of such Persons as may declare our Consent in Parliament, for the raising of such sums of Money, as by them shall be thought necessary to defray the publick charges, and manage the publick concerns of the Nation, seeing most of those persons that were formerly chosen by us for this purpose, are either taken away by Death or by Seclusion debar'd from sitting in the House.

And we do hereby further declare that we neither do nor shall ever give our consent, that any Assessment should be made, or Imposition lay'd upon us by any person or persons whatsoever, untill our consent be so declared by persons thus chosen and intrusted by us for this end and purpose.

And therefore if any Person or persons whatsoever shall contrary to the foremention'd Act, and the Fundamental Lawes of this Nation, lay any Assessment or Imposition upon us before our consent is thus declared, under what pretence or colour soever of Authority or Necessity it shall be done, we do hereby declare to the VVorld, that we are under manifest Constraint and Force, and our Goods and Estates are violently extorted from us, contrary to Law and Justice, which injuries we shall no longer bear then an opportunity shall be offered us to right our selves, and repossess those priviledges that pertain to us by the Laws of our Nation.

And hereunto so universall and unanimous is our Concurrence, that it would be endlesse for us to subscribe our Names (which neither this nor many such papers could contain) but yet if any doubt or mistrust of the truth of the matter hereby declared should be conceived or pretended by any, and the Members of Parliament now sitting (whom we conceive it does in a speciall manner concern) shall desire a visible Testimony hereunto, for their further satisfaction and more full assurance of the truth and reality hereof, we shall be ready upon the least intimation thereof by them given us, in the severall Cities and Counties of the Land, to own and subscribe to what is hereby declared, and act accordingly.

For some proof of the Premises, we Citizens of LONDON, capable of the choice of Knights and Burgeses to serve in Parliament, have to this present Declaration subscribed our hands; and so much the rather that we might hereby take occasion to signify to the whole Nation our cordiall concurrence with our COMMON COUNCIL, in what was done by that Honourable Court in the behalf of us all, in their DECLARATION (of 20. of Decemb.) for a FREE-PARLIAMENT.

Michaell Goodman.	William Leake.	James Orbel.	Morgan Floyd.	George Pawlet.	Thomas Clark.	Richard Garford.
Richard Tivell.	Anthony Hancock.	John Haskins.	Henry Marsdley.	Thomas Bower.	Robert Hall.	Hamun Tivill.
Andrew Reeve.	Robert Thompson.	Bartbol. Hew.	Benj. Scut.	Leonard Appleby.	John Burd.	Sam. Starling. ju.
Richard Turner.	Sauuell Shelmele.	George Andrews.	Mawrice Wade.	William Beedam.	Thomas Andrewes.	Thomas Jones.
Ruben Rierast.	Thomas Slufe.	John Beck.	Francis Homes.	James. Freeman.	Theophilus Stanoupe.	John Gray.
Joseph Robison.	William Browne.	Charles Browne.	Edward Bushell.	John Gates.	Henry Hanges.	John Milborne.
Thomas Farrest.	James Hincks.	John Belling.	Thomas Vnet.	Evan. Wilkinson.	Robert Nevell.	John Johnson.
James Feason.	James Rainer.	Richard Bullar.	Lancelet Bostock.	Len. Wagstaffe.	Albion Mollenshed.	VVilliam Grammer.
Robert Peirce.	William Taylor.	Humphrey Stocks	William Weaver.	Roger Corles.	George Farr.	Abraham Parrat.
Philip Sbipton.	George Iellie.	Isaac Castillion.	Gilbet Low.	James Corton.	Henry Barram.	John Tenet.
William Pappoy.	John Hartly.	Adam Sheldrake.	Thomas Gloves.	Robert Paston.	VVilliam Iles.	Ia. Nutbat.
Henry Rumball.	James Haddocke.	Christophor Bayles.	Tobias Hodges.	William Spicer.	Hugh Werts.	Zacharie Shortred.
William Compton.	William Bare.	Francis Baker.	Thomas Philips.	Thomas Langstone.	Jefery Fips.	Natth. Duchsfeld.
Joseph Bartocke.	Richard Harrison.	Richard Pearce.	Humphery Starkey.	Humphry Blake.	Robert Porter.	John Combar.
James Dortie.	Samuell Bagnall.	Henry Sykes.	William Macock.	James Robinson.	Gilbert Jones.	Robert Miles.
Thomas Pardow.	William Weaver.	John Sudlowe.	William Bankes.	Anthony Bogan.	Iasper Ives.	John Nocees.
Edward Mocholson.	Thomas Ward.	Benony Wallington.	William Rowshy.	George Allenson.	Job Beamount.	John Smith.
Timothy Smart.	Thomas Blith.	Samuell Small.	Felix Banister.	Alexander Lever.	Thomas Harrison.	Mr. Clayton.
Andrew Elwood.	Richard Harefirth.	Nathaniel Ball.	Thomas Timme.	Humphry Ley.	Fran. Morewood.	John Browne.
John Campion.	John Barker.	Roger Lee.	William Eilfly.	Francis Roberts.	Robert Dalby.	James Holmes.
Hugh Griffin.	John Philips.	George Holford.	Theophilus Lyde.	John Slatter.	Ienkin Price.	Rich. VVicksteed.
George Elsmore.	John Child.	Francis Eades.	Thomas Leigh.	Edmund. Carew.	Henry Beare.	Thomas Wade.
James Smith.	Thomas Whiting.	Ioseph Barffer.	James Coli.	Thomas Simpson.	George Cobden.	Nath. Dambavin.
Thomas Gray.	John Wright.	Edmund Lawrance.	Robert Johnson.	Giles Parsons.	James Anstin.	Edward Parsons.
Edward Tent.	Robert Hall.	VVilliam Best.	James Lever.	Philip Evans.	Edw. Forbingham.	Hugh Noden.
William Hall.	Randle Hare.	John Cutler.	Roger Fleming.	Thomas Nut.	Richard Floyd.	Abrab. Mansfield.
Thomas Massie.	Richard Rogerson.	Edmund Best.	Thomas Kinsman.	Abraham Pollar.	Robert Boverham.	Thomas Smith.
Will. Manwaring.	William Legger.	Natth. Rickets.	James Potter.	James Pearciful.	Richard Potters.	Ia. Fisher.
William Caxton.	Thomas Hopkin.	Thomas Mackham.	Robert Woodward.	Adam Tame.	George Pilme.	Charles Bostocke.
Francis Beake.	Richard Barefoote.	VVilliam Hopkins.	John Jones.	David Parkinson.	Edward Gregson.	Francis Russell.
Robert Tinbes.	Thomas Reade.	Richard Lowrents.	William Cole.	Lawson Biggs.	Thomas Preston.	John Cunliffe.
Richard Haile.	William Baker.	Thomas VVebbing.	Thomas Ballard.	William Roffe.	John Clapham.	Richard Springold.
John Raton.	Nath. Whitting.	John Au'land.	John Brewer.	George Winstale.	VVilliam Robinson.	William Hare.
John Sharp.	Henry Wirsle.	Iohn Stone.	Walter Verrnon.	John Lawrance.	Rouland Turner.	Richard Smith.
Samuel Chrimes.	VVilliam Lounlee.	Robert Ferbie.	James Rigby.	John Siam.	Ralphe VVallice.	John Bennet.
Michalas Bosworth.	Thomas Gostlin.	VVilliam Glover.	Thomas Foxcroft.	Edmund Skinner.	John Evered.	Robert Iarvis.
Peter Turner.	Ioseph Surbut. ju.	Nicolas Minet.	Prosper Wickdab.	Joshua Tillison.	Richard Lillie.	Theophi. Rousson.
William Sampson.	Zacharias Taylor.	Samuell Bolton.	Charles Owen.	Nicola Cox.	Thomas fowler.	Thomas Giles.
Henry Maidman.	George Ayrage. &c.	Robert Daunce.	Gyles Licket.	John Middleton.	William Johnson.	Tho. Underhill. &c.
John Honyborne.		Richard Andley.	James Marshall.	Oliver Hyde.	John Mason.	
William Arme. &c.		John Iacfone. &c.	Edward Probee. &c.	Daniel Cooper. &c.	Will. Linton. &c.	

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